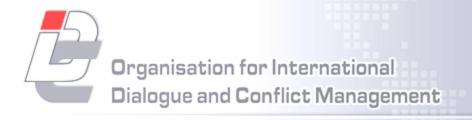


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- Independent interdisciplinary research group, based in Vienna, Austria
- Methodological approaches and activities include inter- and transdisciplinary research, science communication, knowledge transfer
- and multi-stakeholder dialogue.
- Research focus: Innovative approaches to social tensions and conflicts related to environmental and technological change.
- In Civi.net Project: Our role lies in analysing the role of CSOs in the development and implementation of community-based solutions for ES management.



Future research and innovation needs

To our understanding: Innovative environmental research has to find, analyse, test, describe and disseminate new and innovative ways to deal with the environmental challenges we face today.

- Innovative research has to look at:
 - What are major environmental challenges?
 And how do they affect social change?
 - What are concerns and interests of major stakeholder groups?
 And what socio-environmental problems and conflicts are likely to arise?
 - How should suitable and effective governance models look like?
- Innovative research must avoid:
 - Isolated theoretical but also un-reflected practical approaches
 - Inflexible dogmatism
- Especially when it comes to social changes, innovative research can not succeed if it does not involve concerned stakeholders on the ground.

Future research and innovation needs

→ Therefore, we identify the following research needs:

- Deepen the understanding of community-based environmental management solutions.
- Enhance in particular the knowledge on the role of CSOs and the importance of CSO involvement in fostering sustainable environmental governance models and mitigating socioenvironmental conflicts.
- Better understand social learning processes in a context of environmental management.
- → Encourage transdisciplinary research, as well as the use of innovative approaches in environmental research, such as "Action research", experimental workshops, etc.
- → Do more long-term analysis: Consider follow-ups!

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